Disposal of cases by the Customs, Excise and Gold Control Appellate Tribunal

882. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 71 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1993 and state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the undue delay by CEGAT in passing the orders after final hearing has taken place is responsible for the sickness and closure of several industrial undertakings, in many of which Government and the general public are substantially interested through loan from the Public Sector Financial Undertakings and through Public issues of share; and

(b) What is the number of cases of delay in regular matters from six months which are pending with the President and Vice-President (Separately), CEGAT, R.K. Puram, New Delhi, alongwith the age-wise duration of delay after the final hearing have taken place ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (Shri M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No. of regular matters pending for delivery of judgement after conclusion of hearings :

(i) With President : Nil

(ii) with Vice-President : 31

Agewise duration of delay of 31 cases is given below :

Less than one year	—	19
1—2 years	—	12
over two pears	—	Nil

Exim bank's Request for setting up of a commercial Bank

883. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Export-Import bank of India has sought permission from the Reserve Bank of India to set up a full fledged commercial bank with equity participation from foreign financial institutions; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM BANK) have reported that they have applied to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a licence to set up a commercial bank. The proposal being at a preliminary stage, the options regarding equity participation and other details have not been worked out.

SC/ST Officers in GIC

884. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether GIC is making discrimination to SC|ST Officers in posting them as Branch|Divisional Heads, and assigning development functions which carry additional financial benefits;

(b) what is the percentage of SC|ST officers compared to general category company-wise, Region-wise as Divisional Heads, Branch Heads, Assistant Administrative Officers (Development) & Administrative Officer (Dev.) separately;

(c) whether GIC is following Government guidelines to include a SC|ST representative in the selection committee for selecting Branch|Divisional heads, not